IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend line 6 of the second paragraph, page 7 as follows:

The female receptor notch 38 is formed generally medially between the rear and front ends 50, 51 of the magazine block 20 and extends vertically from generally midway up face 47 to the top 54 of the magazine block 20. The receptor notch 38 includes an unencumbered vertical passage 53, as will be discussed hereinafter. The female receptor notch 38 further includes a substantially planar bottom surface 75 extending from and slightly slanted upwardly from the near side [[47]] 56 to the far side 55 thereof. The width of the female receptor notch 38 spans a predetermined distance defined between opposed slightly slanted end walls 48, 49, which is sufficient to receive a locking male member 61 of the cover plate 60 (discussed below) therethrough and allows the magazine block 20 to be vertically unlocked or released from the cover plate 60 when it is desired, to remove the safety system from the firearm 21. The width of the female receptor notch 38 depends upon the width of the male member 61, and can be set at a variety of predetermined lengths.